

What is claimed is:

1. An image forming device comprising:

a transporting unit for transporting a document sheet by sheet to a specified reading position;

5 a judging unit for judging whether a document transported by said transporting unit is an electronically tagged printed matter wherein image data is printed on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing  
10 paper and said electronic tag stores image data printed on said electronically tagged printing paper;

a reading unit for reading the image data from the electronic tag of the document which is judged as said electronically tagged printing matter by said judgment unit;  
15 and

a printing unit for printing the image data read by said reading unit.

2. An image forming device of claim 1 further comprising:

20 a scanning unit for acquiring image data by scanning a document which is judged not as an electronically tagged printed matter by said judgment unit, wherein

said printing unit prints image data acquired by said scanning unit.

3. An image forming device of claim 1, wherein  
said printing unit issues a blank paper as an output  
when a document is judged not as an electronically tagged  
matter by said judgment unit.

5 4. An image forming device of claim 1, wherein  
said printing unit issues no output when a document is  
judged not as an electronically tagged matter by said judgment  
unit.

5. An image forming device of claim 1, wherein  
10 said printing unit prints image data on an electronically  
tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for  
storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing  
paper, further comprising:

a writing unit for writing the image data printed by  
15 said printing unit on the electronic tag of the electronically  
tagged printing paper on which the image data is printed by  
said printing unit.

6. An image forming device of claim 1, wherein  
said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic  
20 data by means of wireless communications.

7. An image forming method comprising:  
a transporting step of transporting a document sheet  
by sheet to a specified reading position;  
a judging step of judging whether a document transported

by said transporting step is an electronically tagged printed matter wherein image data is printed on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper and said electronic tag stores image data printed on  
5 said electronically tagged printing paper;

a reading step of reading the image data from the electronic tag of the document which is judged as said electronically tagged printing matter by said judgment step;  
10 and

a printing step of printing the image data read by said reading step.

8. An image forming method of claim 7 further comprising:

15 a scanning step of acquiring image data by scanning a document which is judged not as an electronically tagged printed matter by said judgment step, wherein

said printing step prints image data acquired by said scanning step.

20 9. An image forming method of claim 7, wherein  
said printing step issues a blank paper as an output when a document is judged not as an electronically tagged matter by said judgment step.

10. An image forming method of claim 7, wherein

said printing step issues no output when a document is judged not as an electronically tagged matter by said judgment step.

11. An image forming method of claim 7, wherein  
5       said printing step prints image data on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper , further comprising:

10       a writing step of writing the image data printed by said printing step on the electronic tag of the electronically tagged printing paper on which the image data is printed by said printing step.

12. An image forming method of claim 7, wherein  
15       said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic data by means of wireless communications.

13. An image forming program for causing an image forming device to execute:

20       a transporting step of transporting a document sheet by sheet to a specified reading position;  
      a judging step of judging whether a document transported by said transporting step is an electronically tagged printed matter wherein image data is printed on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing

paper and said electronic tag stores image data printed on said electronically tagged printing paper;

a reading step of reading the image data from the electronic tag of the document which is judged as said electronically tagged printing matter by said judgment step;  
5 and

a printing step of printing the image data read by said reading step.

14. An image forming program of claim 13 for further  
10 causing an image forming device to execute:

a scanning step of acquiring image data by scanning a document which is judged not as an electronically tagged printed matter by said judgment step, wherein

said printing step prints image data acquired by said  
15 scanning step.

15. An image forming program of claim 13, wherein  
said printing step issues a blank paper as an output when a document is judged not as an electronically tagged matter by said judgment step.

20 16. An image forming program of claim 13, wherein  
said printing step issues no output when a document is judged not as an electronically tagged matter by said judgment step.

17. An image forming program of claim 13, wherein

said printing step prints image data on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper, for further causing an image forming device to execute:

5        a writing step of writing the image data printed by said printing step on the electronic tag of the electronically tagged printing paper on which the image data is printed by said printing step.

18. An image forming program of claim 13, wherein  
10        said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic data by means of wireless communications.

19. A computer readable recording medium on which the image forming program as claimed in claim 13 is recorded.